

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 (Currently Amended): A method of forming a metal-containing film on a substrate, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of substrates on respective surfaces of a tier substrate holder
~~substrate~~ in a process chamber of a batch type processing system;

heating the ~~substrate~~ substrates to a predetermined temperature where film deposition rate is independent of temperature;

flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor in the process chamber;

flowing a pulse of a reactant gas in the process chamber; and

repeating the flowing processes until a metal-containing film with desired film properties is formed on the ~~substrate~~ substrates.

2 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the repeating comprises forming a metal-oxide film.

3 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the repeating comprises forming at least one of a HfO₂ film, a ZrO₂ film, and a film containing a mixture of HfO₂ and ZrO₂.

4 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising flowing a purge gas in the process chamber.

5 (Original): The method according to claim 4, wherein the flowing a purge gas comprises flowing a flow rate between about 100sccm and about 10,000sccm.

6 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising flowing a pulse of a purge gas in the process chamber when the metal-containing precursor and the reactant gas are not flowing.

7 (Original): The method according to claim 6, wherein the flowing a pulse of a purge gas comprises flowing a pulse duration between about 1sec to about 500sec.

8 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor comprises flowing a metal-containing precursor and a carrier gas.

9 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein the flowing a carrier gas comprises a flow rate between about 100sccm and about 10,000sccm.

10 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a reactant gas comprises flowing a reactant gas and a carrier gas.

11 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a reactant gas comprises flowing at least one of an oxidizing gas, a reducing gas, and an inert gas.

12 (Original): The method according to claim 11, wherein the flowing a pulse of an oxidizing gas comprises flowing an oxygen-containing gas.

13 (Original): The method according to claim 12, wherein the flowing a pulse of an oxygen-containing gas comprises flowing at least one of O_2 , O_3 , H_2O_2 , H_2O , NO , N_2O , and NO_2 .

14 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 11, wherein the flowing a pulse of a reducing gas comprises flowing at least one of a hydrogen-containing gas, a silicon-containing gas, a boron-containing gas, and a nitrogen-containing gas.

15 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 14, wherein the flowing a pulse of a hydrogen-containing gas comprises flowing H_2 .

16 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 14, wherein the flowing a pulse of a silicon-containing gas comprises flowing at least one of SiH_4 , Si_2H_6 , Si_2Cl_6 , and $SiCl_2H_2$.

17 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 14, wherein the flowing a pulse of a boron-containing gas comprises flowing a gas with the formula B_xH_{3x} .

18 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 14, wherein the flowing a pulse of a the boron-containing gas comprises flowing at least one of BH_3 , B_2H_6 , and B_3H_9 .

19 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 14, wherein the flowing a pulse of a nitrogen-containing gas comprises flowing NH_3 .

20 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the providing comprises providing at least one of a semiconductor substrate, a LCD substrate, and a glass substrate.

21 (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein the providing comprises providing a Si substrate or a compound semiconductor substrate.

22 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the providing comprises providing a substrate containing an interfacial film selected from an oxide film, a nitride film, an oxynitride film, or mixtures thereof.

23 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the providing comprises providing a batch of about 100 substrates or less.

24 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the providing comprises providing a substrate with a substrate diameter greater than about 195 mm.

25 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor comprises flowing a pulse duration between about 1sec and about 500sec.

26 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a reactant gas comprises flowing a pulse duration between about 1sec and about 500sec.

27 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the heating comprises heating the substrate to between about 100°C and about 600°C.

28 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the heating comprises heating the substrate to below about 200°C.

29 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor further comprises flowing a metal-containing precursor liquid into a vaporizer at a flow rate between about 0.05ccm and about 1ccm.

30 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a reactant gas comprises flowing a flow rate between about 100sccm and about 2,000sccm.

31 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a process chamber pressure less than about 10Torr.

32 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a process chamber pressure between about 0.05Torr and about 2Torr.

33 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a process chamber pressure of about 0.3Torr.

34 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the repeating comprises forming a metal-containing film with a film thickness less than about 1000Å.

35 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the repeating comprises forming a metal-containing film with a film thickness less than about 200Å.

36 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the repeating comprises forming a metal-containing film with a film thickness less than about 50Å.

37 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising annealing the metal-containing film at a temperature between about 150°C and about 1000°C.

38 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising depositing an electrode film comprising at least one of W, Al, TaN, TaSiN, HfN, HfSiN, TiN, TiSiN, Re, Ru, Si, poly-Si, and SiGe.

39 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, further comprising flowing a pulse of a nitrogen-containing gas in the process chamber.

40 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 39, wherein the repeating comprises forming a metal-oxynitride film.

41 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 39, wherein the repeating comprises forming at least one of a $\text{Hf}_x\text{O}_z\text{N}_w$ film, a $\text{Zr}_x\text{O}_z\text{N}_w$ film, and a film containing a mixture of $\text{Hf}_x\text{O}_z\text{N}_w$ and $\text{Zr}_x\text{O}_z\text{N}_w$.

42 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 39, wherein:
the flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor comprises flowing at least one pulse,
the flowing a pulse of a reactant gas comprises flowing at least one pulse, and

the flowing a pulse of a nitrogen-containing gas comprises at least one pulse.

43 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, further comprising flowing a pulse of a silicon-containing gas in the process chamber.

44 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 43, wherein the repeating comprises forming a metal-silicate film.

45 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 43, wherein the repeating comprises forming at least one of a $\text{Hf}_x\text{Si}_y\text{O}_z$ film, a $\text{Zr}_x\text{Si}_y\text{O}_z$ film, and a film containing a mixture of $\text{Hf}_x\text{Si}_y\text{O}_z$ and $\text{Zr}_x\text{Si}_y\text{O}_z$.

46 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 43, wherein:
the flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor comprises flowing at least one pulse,
the flowing a pulse of a reactant gas comprises flowing at least one pulse, and
the flowing a pulse of a silicon-containing gas comprises at least one pulse.

47 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 43, further comprising flowing a pulse of nitrogen-containing gas in the process chamber

48 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 47, wherein the repeating comprises forming a nitrogen-containing metal-silicate film.

49 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 47, wherein the repeating comprises forming at least one of a $\text{Hf}_x\text{Si}_y\text{O}_z\text{N}_w$ film, a $\text{Zr}_x\text{Si}_y\text{O}_z\text{N}_w$ film, and a film containing a mixture of $\text{Hf}_x\text{Si}_y\text{O}_z\text{N}_w$ and $\text{Zr}_x\text{Si}_y\text{O}_z\text{N}_w$.

50 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 47, wherein:
the flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor comprises flowing at least one pulse,
the flowing a pulse of a reactant gas comprises flowing at least one pulse,
the flowing a pulse of a nitrogen-containing gas comprises at least one pulse, and
the flowing a pulse of a silicon-containing gas comprises at least one pulse.

Claim 51 (Canceled).

52 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the heating comprises heating the substrate under isothermal heating conditions.

53 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor comprises flowing a metal alkoxide.

54 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 53, wherein the flowing a metal alkoxide comprises flowing at least one of $\text{M}(\text{OMe})_4$, $\text{M}(\text{OEt})_4$, $\text{M}(\text{OPr})_4$, and $\text{M}(\text{OBut})_4$.

55 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 53, wherein the flowing a metal alkoxide comprises flowing at least one of a hafnium alkoxide and a zirconium alkoxide.

56 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 53, wherein the flowing a metal alkoxide comprises flowing at least one of $\text{Hf}(\text{OBut})_4$ and $\text{Zr}(\text{OBut})_4$.

57 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 53, wherein the flowing a metal alkoxide comprises flowing at least one of $\text{M}(\text{OR})_2(\text{mmp})_2$ and $\text{M}(\text{mmp})_4$.

58 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flowing a pulse of a metal-containing precursor comprises flowing a metal alkylamide.

59 (Original): The method according to claim 58, wherein the flowing a metal alkylamide comprises flowing at least one of a hafnium alkylamide and a zirconium alkylamide.

60 (Original): The method according to claim 58, wherein the flowing a metal alkylamide comprises at least one of $\text{Hf}(\text{NEt}_2)_4$, $\text{Hf}(\text{NEtMe})_4$, $\text{Zr}(\text{NEt}_2)_4$, and $\text{Zr}(\text{NEtMe})_4$.

61 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein:
~~the providing comprises providing a plurality of substrates in said process chamber,~~
and
the repeating comprises forming an HfO_2 film on each of the plurality of substrates,
~~the plurality of substrates~~ each film having a thickness of about 30Å to about 50Å and a
WIW uniformity of about 10% to about 15%.

62 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein:

~~the providing comprises providing a plurality of substrates in said process chamber,~~
and

the repeating comprises forming an HfO₂ film on each of the plurality of substrates,
~~the plurality of substrates~~ each film having a thickness of about 20Å to about 50Å and a
WIW uniformity of about 20% or less.

63 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1, wherein:

~~the providing comprises providing a plurality of substrates in said process chamber,~~
the repeating comprises forming an HfO₂ film on each of the plurality of substrates;
and

~~the heating comprises heating within a temperature range at which film deposition
rate is independent of temperature.~~

64 (Original): The method according to claim 63, wherein said heating comprises
heating within a temperature range of about 160 to 180°C.

65 (Withdrawn): A computer readable medium containing program instructions for
execution on a processor, which when executed by the processor, cause a batch substrate
processing apparatus to perform the steps in the method recited in claim 1.

Claims 66-77 (Canceled).

78 (New): The method of Claim 1, wherein said flowing steps provide a deposition
rate of about 1 angstrom per cycle.